

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 652
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Asok "Ben" Banerjee of McMinnville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Asok "Ben" Banerjee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banerjee was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ben Banerjee served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Mid-South Respicare, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, customers, and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banerjee will be most fondly remembered for the integral role he played in bringing the sport of soccer to Warren County. A semi-pro soccer player in his native India, Mr. Banerjee first arrived in the United States in 1972 and later settled in Warren County, Tennessee, in 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Ben Banerjee, in conjunction with Terry Mullican, started the soccer movement in Warren County. Mr. Banerjee devoted the next twenty years of his life to coaching, teaching, and playing soccer and organizing and constructing facilities for playing soccer; and

WHEREAS, Ben Banerjee proved instrumental in securing the land for construction of Pistole Park, which boasts eleven fields designed for everyone from small children to adults. He also headed the committee to build the concession stand and pavilion at the Park; and

WHEREAS, he served as President of Warren County Youth Soccer, Regional Director of American Youth Soccer, and as a high school soccer booster; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banerjee was an active and devout member of the Hindu faith; and

WHEREAS, Ben Banerjee was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ben Banerjee enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Maya Banerjee, and was the proud father of Dabe Banerjee, Debbie Banerjee, and Dee Dee Banerjee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banerjee leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Asok Banerjee, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Banerjee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.